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REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following Groups:

Group I. Claims 1-49, drawn to a compound of formula I classified in class 548 and numerous subclasses;

Group II. Claims 50-54 drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound classified in class 514 and numerous subclasses.

Group III. Claims 55-56 drawn to a method of use of a compound, classified in class 514, and several subclasses.

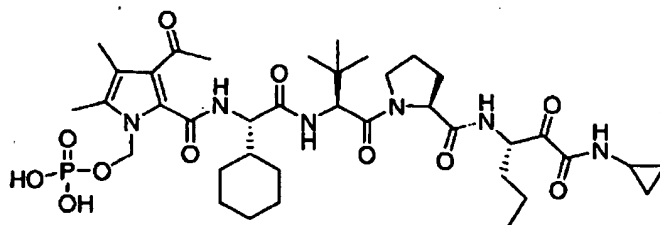
Group IV. Claims 57-59 drawn to a method of treating an infection classified in class 514 and several subclasses.

Group V. Claims 60-62 drawn to a method of use of a compound classified in class 514 and several subclasses."

In response, applicants elect Group I, without traverse, for further prosecution in this application. This election is made expressly without waiver of applicants' rights to continue to prosecute and to obtain claims to the non-elected subject matter either in this application or in other applications claiming benefit herefrom.

Election of Species

The Examiner has also requested applicants to select a species for further prosecution. In response to the species election requirement, applicants elect the following species:



Claims 1-4, 14-15, and 35-49 read on the elected species.

Pending allowability of claims 1-49, applicants request the rejoinder of pharmaceutical composition claims 50-54 (Group II), methods of use claims 55-56 (Group III), methods of treating an infection claims 57-59 (Group IV), methods of use claims 60-62 (Group V), and process claim 63 (Group VI) pursuant to MPEP §821.04.

In view of the above, applicants request that the Examiner examine claims 1-49 (Group I) in this application. Applicants request favorable consideration and early allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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